

In the Claims:

Claims 1 - 43 (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising
an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a
container, the apparatus including a heater and a carrier unit;
a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is
selectively actuatable to position a container proximate the apparatus for coating an
area of damaged protective coating on that container heater for heating the area of
damaged protective coating on the container; and
a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is
selectively actuatable to position a container proximate the apparatus for coating an
area of damaged protective coating on that container carrier unit for depositing
protective coating material attached to the carrier unit onto the area of damaged
protective coating on the container.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising
an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a
container;

a rotary manipulator;
at least one heating unit, separate of and spaced from the apparatus for
coating, the at least one heating unit being positioned adjacent the rotary
manipulator;
a first conveyor, for supplying containers to the rotary manipulator;
wherein the rotary manipulator rotates the containers to a position proximate
the apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a container, and

to a position proximate the at least one heating unit; and
a second conveyor for removing containers from the rotary manipulator.

48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising
an apparatus for coating a limited area on a container, the apparatus
including a heater and a carrier unit;

a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is selectively actuatable to position a container proximate the ~~apparatus for coating a limited area on that container~~ heater for heating the limited area on the container; and

a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is selectively actuatable to position a container proximate the ~~apparatus for coating a limited area on that container~~ carrier unit for depositing protective coating material attached to the carrier unit onto the limited area on the container.